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Re: Applicant(s): Santosh S. Rao, Gopal Sharma, Poonam Dhavale  
Assignee: VERITAS Operating Corporation  
Title: System And Method For Resolving Cluster Partitions In Out-Of-Band Storage  
Virtualization Environments  
Serial No.: 10/627,385  
Examiner: Mohamed A. Wasel  
Docket No.: VRT0089US  
Filed: July 25, 2003  
Group Art Unit: 2154

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are the following documents in the above-identified application:

- (1) Return Receipt Postcard;
- (2) This Transmittal Letter (1 page) (in duplicate); and
- (3) Response To Final Office Action (15 pages).

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Final Office Action dated January 27, 2006, having a shortened statutory period expiring on April 27, 2006. Further examination and reconsideration are respectfully requested in view of the amendments and remarks set forth below.

**No Amendments to the Claims** have been made. For Examiner convenience, a listing of the claims begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.